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In re application of

Robert J. MEDOFF, et al.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

WARNING:

Failure to file a complete response in compliance with § 1.135(c) leads to a reduction in patent term

adjustment - See § 1.704(c)(7).

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is

a small entity. A statement:

□ other than a small entity.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

NOTE: "Extension of Time in Patent Cases (Supplement Amendments) — If a timely and complete response has been filed after a Non-Final Office Action, an extension of time is not required to permit filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period.

If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is required to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run." Notice of December 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34-35).

NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. §1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings, and 37 C.F.R. § 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b)"... an applicant shall be deemed to have failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of an application for the cumulative total of any periods of time in excess of three months that are taken to reply to any notice or action by the Office making any rejection, objection, argument, or other request, measuring such three-month period from the date the notice or action was mailed or given to the applicant, in which case the period of adjustment set forth in § 1.703 shall be reduced by the number of days, if any, beginning on the day after the date that is three months after the date of mailing or transmission of the Office communication notifying the applicant of the rejection, objection, argument, or other request and ending on the date the reply was filed. The period, or shortened statutory period, for reply that is set in the Office action or notice has no effect on the three-month period set forth in this paragraph."

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for the total number of months checked below:

	Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
	one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
\boxtimes	two months	\$ 420.00	\$ 210.00
	three months	\$ 950.00	\$ 475.00
	four months	\$ 1,480.00	\$ 740.00

Fee: \$210.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

An extension for _	months has already been secured.	The	fee paid	therefor of
	is deducted from the total fee due for the t	otal	months	of extension
 now requested.		-		-

Extension fee due with this request \$ 210.00

OR

(b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this is a conditional petition being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below: 4.

	((Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY			OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY		
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Total	*	Minus	**	=	x \$ 9=	\$		x \$ 18=	\$	
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□First	☐First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims			+ \$145=	\$		+ \$290=	\$		
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If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "O" in Col. 3,

WARNING:

"After final rejection or action (§ 1.113) amendments may be made canceling claims or complying with any requirement of form which has been made." 37 C.F.R. 1.116(a) (emphasis added).

(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

(c) No additional fee for claims is req	ıuired	eauired
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OR

(d) Total additional fee for claims required \$ 301.00

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In response to the Official Action of September 26, 2003, it is requested that the following amendments be made.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8a)

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